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### **REMARKS**

Applicant hereby requests further consideration of the present application in view of the amendments above and the comments that follow.

Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the foregoing amendments. Applicant submits that the amendments place the case in condition for allowance. In particular, the Final Action indicates that Claims 3-15, 22-34 and 37-49 contain patentable subject matter. Claims 3, 22 and 37 have been amended above to place them in independent form, incorporating the recitations of the claims from which they previously depended. Rejected Claims 1-2, 22-34 and 37-49 have been canceled to expedite issuance of the present application and without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, the rejections are obviated and this case is in form for allowance.

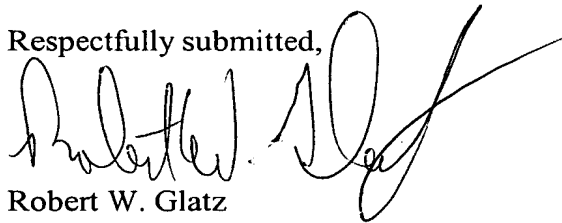
### **Interview Summary**

Applicant notes that the Interview Summary forwarded with the Final Action related to the March 11, 2004 interview fully reflects all matters discussed during the interview.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. The Amendments after final should be entered as they merely place this case in a form indicated as allowable. The Examiner is encourage to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,



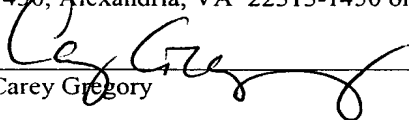
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